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Michelle Hafson

Signature

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

WOLFFE et al.

Serial No.: 09/844,501

Filing Date: April 27, 2001

Title: DATABASES OF REGULATORY  
SEQUENCES; METHODS OF MAKING AND  
USING SAME

Examiner: J.N. Fredman

Group Art Unit: 1634

Confirmation No.: 9055

Customer No.: 20855

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 19, 2004, please find the following documents:

- Amendment (9 pages)
- Copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 19, 2004 (2 pages)
- Return receipt postcard.



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The fee is calculated as follows:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	30	- 122	0	x \$18.00	\$0
Independent Claims	2	- 22	0	x \$86.00	\$0
Multiple dependent claims not previously presented, add \$290.00					\$0
Total Amendment Fee					\$0
Petition for Extension of Time Fee					\$0
Small Entity Reduction (if applicable)					\$0
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$0</b>

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 26, 2004

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## Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

Amendment document filed on 12-22-03 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following omission(s) or provision is required. Only the section (1.121(h)) of the amendment document containing the omission or non-compliant provision must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted.

THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ELEMENTS(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

1. Amendments to the specification:  
 A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.  
 B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.  
 C. Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Abstract:  
 A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.  
 B. Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Amendments to the drawings: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Amendments to the claims:  
 A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.  
 B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (incl. withdrawn claims)  
 C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.  
 D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.  
 E. Other: 1-182 not mentioned in Draft.

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

If the non-compliant amendment is a **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**, applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.

If the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a **NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**, and since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**.

If the amendment is a reply to a **FINAL REJECTION**, this form may be an attachment to an Advisory Action. **The period for response to a final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection**, and is not affected by the non-compliant status of the amendment.

*Alfonso*

Legal Instruments Examiner (LIE)



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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on February 19, 2004, for which a reply is due before March 19, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed and no fee is believed to be due.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.